

Taxis in Boulder City

There was a news story in the L.V. Sun on May 24 about regulation problems with Las Vegas taxicab businesses. It said some cab companies practice “long-hauling” causing the customer to pay an inflated cab fare that translates into more profit for the companies. Only in Clark Co. are the taxi businesses not regulated by the Nevada Transportation Authority, and it would take legislation to change that. I quote from Rick Velotta’s article—“Vocal critics of the system say there will never be an overhaul of taxi regulation because cab company executives donate to legislative campaigns to maintain the status quo.”

So what does this have to do with Boulder City? Thousands of dollars were donated to the campaigns of the City Council winners in the recent BC election from six different cab companies (maybe with one owner). Those dollars might not have all been spent during the campaign, but the leftover funds can now be given to other causes such as to pay for all those ads, robo-calls, and mailings urging you the voters to vote NO to elect the City Attorney.

This trickle down subsidizing of a campaign to defeat an initiative question in Boulder City by Las Vegas cab companies is certainly all legal, and enterprising, but it sounds a lot like “long-hauling” to me. I am voting YES ON QUESTION #8.

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